



# 599TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP EXECUTIVE NEWS

*"End to End Deployment and Distribution Throughout the Pacific"*

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## UPDATES:

### UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRACT

The Universal Services Contract 05 (USC 05) is a multi-use shipping contract offering liner service for the shipment of DOD assets worldwide.

The contract is administered through SDDC and covers a wide range of commodities including Arms, Ammunition and Explosive (AA&E) and related hazardous materials. In this capacity, USC 05 provides the government with ocean lift to move DOD assets to meet mission requirements.

SDDC has proposed numerous changes in the USC 05 contract.

Additionally, SDDC has expanded the scope of carrier services without increasing cost to the service customers. In an effort to continually improve the quality of service to their customers, SDDC has solicited comments from Service stakeholders regarding changes made to the contract that involve attempts to improving asset visibility and accountability.

The new contract contains sweeping changes designed to improve the safety and security and the effectiveness of DOD distribution processes. Some of these changes include auto-

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## Deployment, Lessons Learned, and Exercise Preparations...

The 2nd Quarter remained a busy one for the 599th Transportation Group. Elements of the 25th Infantry Division deployed to the National Training Center to prepare for their upcoming OIF rotation, and the soldiers and civilians of the 599th were alongside the Division at every step of the deployment process. From providing guidance on preparing cargo for shipment and assisting with alert holding area (AHA) operations to documenting the cargo as it was loaded on the vessel, the 599th once again delivered outstanding customer service.

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In addition to rotating forces, the 599th was also heavily involved in supporting JCS exercises. In February the 599th sent Mr. Chris Goss, an SDDC intern assigned to Group HQ for an 18-month developmental assignment, to the Philippines to participate in the Redeployment Phase of Balikatan 06. Serving as a documentation specialist, Mr. Goss traveled between Magsaysay, Clark Air Base, and Subic Bay assisting units with preparing their cargo for movement, coordinating with the commercial carriers, and ensuring accuracy of cargo documentation. Mr. Goss proved to be a quick study, and was integral in the overall success of the redeployment mission. "It was definitely a learning experience," said Mr. Goss of his involvement in the exercise. "It was a wonderful opportunity to work in a Joint environment, and it was a great way to see the entire shipping process from start to finish."

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In March, 13 599th employees and a dozen IMAs traveled to Korea to participate in RSOI 06. Not only did the 599th augment the Combined Seaport Coordination Center (CSCC) in Busan, but also sent a large contin-



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**An 25th Infantry Division Blackhawk is offloaded at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard from USNS Gordon after a deployment to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.**

gency to Daegu to stand up the Director for Mobility-Surface (DM4-S). A permanent fixture in Strategic Airlift operations for several years and now applied to Surface movements, the concept calls for an assemblage of experts in all aspects of surface transportation to bridge the gap between the arrival of unit and sustainment cargo into the Theater and the dissemination of the equipment at the tactical level. The team, which was comprised of military and civilian personnel from the 599th, SDDC OPS, the 834th Transportation Battalion, and the KTO's J4, was co-located with the PDDOC-K on Camp Walker. The newly formed DM4-S performed brilliantly, and made significant contributions to the simulated fight.

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The 599th also hosted a one-day Multi-Modal Workshop in Waikiki. Drawing participants from commands and private corporations world-wide, the Workshop provided a forum for transporters to gather and discuss the effects of the latest programs and policies, as well as to share lessons learned and brainstorm solutions to current logistical issues. The Group is currently planning and expanding, multi-day Workshop for November 2007.

## Recognizing Excellence

# Planning and preparation ensure success!



COURTESY PHOTO

**Ms. Germaine Whitford-Jacang, Mr. James Jefferson, and Ms. Lynette Reyes.**

Creating the atmosphere and conditions for successful deployments start early and involve a number of supporting organizations dedicated to providing the tools and information the Warfighter needs to prepare.

Earlier this year the 25th Infantry Division's deployment of more than 1,500 pieces of unit equipment to the National Training Center (NTC) provided a classic example of "Murphy's Law" that was only overcome by the tremendous efforts expended to ensure the documentation and cargo preparations taken beforehand were fully compliant with Defense Transportation Regulations.

Mr. James Jefferson, Chief of the Transportation Division, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Schofield Barracks

led the efforts to ensure the 25ID deployment was responsive to the inevitable changes and revisions that mark a move of this size.

Ably assisted by Ms. Lynette Reyes, Deployment Planning Specialist and Ms. Germaine Whitford-Jacang, Transportation Specialist; his organization was remarkable in their ability to adapt to the loss of one of the two vessels scheduled to move the unit's equipment and the resultant confusion that reigned while piece-meal movement was arranged over a number of east bound vessels.

Sound early planning, proper document preparation, a flexible "can-do" attitude and a lot of hard work; combined under Mr. Jefferson's leadership to meet the mission!

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mated web based tracking of shipments, expanding the number of qualified carriers by establishing carrier pools, as well as new user agreements between carriers and customers.

One of the most promising of these new initiatives is the use of web based automated tracking tools. Use of web based systems will allow customers to run reports and receive valuable in-transit data concerning their shipments over the web. Service stakeholders discussed and provided comments to SDDC concerning the new contract as part of SDDC's continuous improvement process.

Service stakeholders met with SDDC and the ocean carriers to discuss these changes and to explore new ways of improving carrier performance and accountability. SDDC consolidated Service inputs and has since successfully negotiated a number of expanded services without increasing the Services accessorial costs.

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### How are we doing?

Feedback is vital to improving service. People with comments about SDDC's service may access the customer response form on the SDDC Web site at <http://www.sddc.army.mil> (Global Cargo Distribution window). Questions and comments specific to the 599th Transportation Group and units, can e-mail [cao@pac.sddc.army.mil](mailto:cao@pac.sddc.army.mil).